

MILLSTONE TOWNSHIP PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

215 Millstone Road Millstone NJ 08510

December 3, 2012 7:30pm

Minutes

Chairman calls the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m.

STATEMENT OF NOTICE AS REQUIRED BY P.L. 1975, C231 IS READ.

I HEREBY ANNOUNCE THAT PURSUANT TO THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETING ACT, ADEQUATE NOTICE OF THIS MEETING HAS BEEN PROVIDED IN THE ANNUAL NOTICE OF MEETINGS WHICH WAS MAILED TO THE ASBURY PARK PRESS AND THE MESSENGER PRESS, POSTED ON THE PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS BULLETIN BOARD IN TOWN HALL AND FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE TOWNSHIP CLERK ON June 27, 2012.

ROLL CALL:

MEMBER	PRESENT	ABSENT
Jim Bell	X	
Bill Hanson	X	
Andrew Ferrara	X	
Dominick Ricci	X	
Tracey Klehr	X	
Terrence Murphy		x
Ken Simels	X	
Chris Morris	X	
Peter Kowal		x

Chairman opens the meeting to the public at 7:35 p.m.

Phil and Nick Casicola 6 Gravatt Circle addressed the Commission regarding the delay in placing players on the basketball rosters. Ken Simels, liaison to the basketball program, discussed the procedures for placing players who registered after the draft. Players designated as waitlisted were to be placed before the next game on December 8th. As per our advertising "Registration deadline will be three days before the first player draft or the first scheduled game; whichever applies. After the registration deadline, participants will be waitlisted, and their team placement will be determined by team availability. Although every effort will be made, there are no guarantees that another team/coach will be available. Once placed on a team, fees for waitlisted participants will be due. All fees for waitlisted participants will apply." Nick Casicola was assured his placement assignment would be determined before the weekend games and he should attend any high school boy division practice he that was most convenient to him.

Chairman closes the meeting to the public at 7:45 p.m.

AGENDA ITEMS

Tracey Klehr formally tenured her resignation to the Recreation Commission effective as of December 31, 2012. Tracey served as liaison to the Fall & Spring Soccer programs, acting as a coach as well as a mentor to student volunteers. She instituted the 3v3 & 5v5 small-sided field form of play for the Township's K-2nd grade programs. She also was strongly involved with the Tennis program, as an active tennis player herself she had invaluable insight in the needs of the Tennis program. Lastly, Tracey worked closely with the Recreation staff in improving coordinating Holiday Lighting as well as assisting to host the annual event. The Commission thanked her for her endless hours to the Township's Recreation programs, she will be sorely missed.

- **Basketball – Ken Simels**

Ken Simels reported the newly formed Basketball Board whose members include:

Kevin Bomba, Michelle Nixon, Joseph Adornetti, Bob Moran, Jeff Pritchard & Phil Cooney has worked many hours preparing for the basketball season. Their efforts are focused on creating parity amongst the teams. Game rules, referee authority, player game time & team request have also been reviewed and new policies are in place. The Commission has approved the recommendation that 9th grade boys may play in the 7th/8th grade division if it is determined to be the benefit of the player. J/Bell directed K/Slisky to schedule an evaluation night within the week to evaluate players who fall into this category. Roster changes will be made by the Basketball Board based on the individual player's skill sets.

- **Holiday Lighting- Tracey Klehr**

T/Klehr reported Holiday Lighting was a beautiful event held again at the Firehouse. Refreshments were served and the Middle School Chorus performed. The children enjoyed crafts and Santa too! Mayor Grbelja attended as did Bob Kinsey of the Township Committee. Many student volunteers help the children with the craft and clean up. All volunteers will receive a community service letter from the Recreation Office in the coming days. K/Slisky added the tree lights were hung by Aspen Tree Service and will be removed after the Holiday season.

- **Soccer- Tracey Klehr**

T/Klehr relayed to the Commission the positive interaction at the Brandywine field with the MUTS coaches. The season concluded in late October and she received many comments from parents who acknowledge the benefits of using small sided fields for the players. The increase number of touches of the ball engages players and enhances their understanding of the game. The shed was clean by Recreation staff and paint has been removed and stored in the Recreation office for the winter. J/Bell requested the shed be replaced with a more substantial one and be secured

- **Lacrosse- Andy Ferrara**

A/Ferrara informed the Commission members that a meeting was held with representatives of the Lacrosse board and Tom Antus, Township Administrator to discuss the coming season. Topics included the registration fees, referee payments and uniform costs. K/Slisky noted a meeting is scheduled for December 6th with Recreation staff to discuss in detail the changes proposed for the coming season.

- **Gym Time**

K/Slisky informed the commission that additional gym hours have become available and a request has been placed with the B.O.E. to reinstate hours to Adult Soccer, Adult Volleyball & Men's Basketball. Once the hours have been secured the programs will be notified of their revised gym times.

- **Facilities**

K/Slisky inspected the Twp. parks following Hurricane Sandy & the Nor'easter she filed a report with Tom Antus, Twp. Administrator that the parks sustained little damage. The swipe card system and fire alarm at Wagner Farm needed servicing following the long power outage and repairs have been completed. The repairs to the Verizon lines along the Woodville Road are scheduled for repair December 6, 2012.

J/Bell asked for a report from K/Slisky regarding the surveillance system at Wagner Farm Park; and requested a target date for replacement of stolen equipment.

- **New Business**

K/Slisky informed Commission members the renewal fee for League Athletics is due in March. J/Bell and B/Hanson asked that a cost analysis be done and top to down review of the system be completed. A review of the capabilities that the system currently offers and in comparison of what a custom coded program would offer the township. J/Bell requested other programs be investigated for further consideration.

Approval of October 1, 2012 Minutes

Motion to approve, Moved J/Bell, Seconded K/Simels, Carried

ROLL CALL: **ROLL CALL:**

MEMBER	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Jim Bell	x		
Bill Hanson	x		
Andrew Ferrara	x		
Dominick Ricci	x		
Tracey Klehr	x		
Terrence Murphy			x
Ken Simels	x		
Chris Morris	x		
Peter Kowal			x

Motion to adjourn, Moved __J/Bell_____, Seconded B/Hanson__ Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.